Control Order, 1987 in spite of their sales turnover being less than rupee fifty lac;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a number of drugs which are identically placed are outside the price control; and

(d) if so, what corrective steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (d) The Kelkar Committee, in its Supplementary Report (Copies of which are already available in the Parliament Library) has made observations/recommendations regarding exclusion of bulk drugs, under DPCO, 1987, on the basis of low turnover, of less than Rs. 50 lakhs per annum. The Government have yet to take a final decision on the recommendations in this regard.

इलाहाबाद टेलीफोन सलाहकार समिति की बैठकें

*11. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि जनवरी से मार्च, 1989 की अवधि के दौरान इलाहाबाद टेलीफोन सलाहकार समिति की कोई बैठक नहीं हुई और यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ख) क्या तीन महीनों के दौरान एक भी बैठक न करना सरकारी आदेशों का उल्लंघन नहीं है; और

(ग) सरकार ने इस चूक के लिये जिम्मेदार अधिकारियों के विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की है?

संचार मंत्री (श्री बीर बहादुर सिंह) : (क) इलाहाबाद टेलीफोन सलाहकार समिति की पिछली बैठक 31.12.88 को संपन्न हुई थी। तदुपरांत मार्च, 1989 को समाप्त होने वाली तिमाही की बैठक 20.4.89 को हुई।

(ख) और (ग) उपर्युक्त भाग (क) के उत्तर को मद्देनजर रखते हुए प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

Direct Telephone Link with Foreign Countries

*12. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to provide foreign visitors with the facilities to call their home countries through direct telephone links;

(b) if so, by when the "Home Country direct" scheme is likely to be launched; and

(c) which countries are proposed to be covered by this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BIR BAHADUR SINGH) (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Setting up of industries in the Rayalaseema District of Andhra Pradesh

*14. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is negligible growth of industry in Rayalaseema District of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details of industries set up in this district so far and licences issued by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) Under the provisions of

the Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, 51 letters of intent and 27 industrial licences (including 12 Carry-on-Business Licences) were granted during 1984 to 1989 (Upto February, '89) for location of units in Anantapur, Chittoor, Cuddapah and Kurnool districts constituting Rayalaseema Region of Andhra Pradesh.

Apart from the above letters of intent and industrial licences, 68 schemes pertaining to industries De-licensed were registered during 1955 to 1989 (Upto February, 1988) for location of units in the above said four districts of Rayalaseema Region of Andhra Pradesh.

38 cases were registered by the Directorate General of Technical Development during 1986 to 1988 for Anantapur, Chittoor, Cuddapah and Kurnool districts of Rayalaseema Region of Andhara Pradesh.

Provision of infrastructure facilities and monitoring of the progress of implementation of industrial licences etc. is done by the concerned State Govt. and Administrative Ministry/Department concerned. Information regarding actual number of industries set up is not centrally maintained in the Secretariat for Industrial Approvals, Ministry of industry.

Price fixation of Baralgon Ketone

*15. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what was the price of Baralgon Ketone on the basis of which the prices of finished medicines were fixed first time after the introduction of Drugs Price Control Order in the country;

(b) whether the prices were revised afterwards;

(c) if so, when and what were the revised prices;

(d) what were the entitlement to the prices of formulations under DPCO, 1979;

(e) whether it is a fact that based on these details, the special team appointed to assess the overcharging, finalised the due amount;

(f) if not, on what other basis the claim under DPEA was settled by the special team;

(g) whether it is a fact that huge anomalies have been noticed in the assessment; and

(h) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) to (d) Under DPCO, 1970, the prices of formulations were approved on the basis of the bulk drug price of Rs. 24,735.38 per kg indicated by the company. Subsequently, in 1978 the company indicated a notional price of Rs. 8,019/- per kg. which was further reduced by them to Rs. 3,580.62 per kg from July, 1985. A price of Rs 1,810.20 per kg. was fixed for Baralgan Ketone bulk drug on 31-12-1980 A price of Rs. 1,924/- per kg. was fixed on 25-10-1988.

(e) and (f) The Special Team has taken the price of Rs. 8,019/- per kg notionally adopted by the company for calculating the amount over charged on the bulk drug for the period upto 31-12-1983.

(g) and (h) No, Sir.